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## It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas . . .



**CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING** means fun, fellowship and frolic as families throughout the Grayling area prepare for the Yuletide Season. Here the Dale Tinker family puts the final touches on their tree at their Glenwood Ct. home. Natalie and Dale are helped out by daughter Katy (left), age 8, and son, Robbie, 5, who helped out during the entire fun session.



**OUTSIDE DECORATIONS** have started to appear at homes throughout the city. A tastefully decorated entryway at the Dr. B. E. Henig residence on Peninsular Ave. gets set to welcome Holiday visitors.

## Santa Claus at Bank This Friday Night



Through the efforts of Jack Alef, President of the Grayling State Bank, arrangements have been made with Santa Claus to meet with area children this Friday evening, December 16th. St. Nick will be at the bank from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. An invitation is extended to all children in the county to come in and visit with him.

## Mercy Hospital Receives Approval For \$8 Million Expansion Program

LANSING—Mercy Hospital, received approval from the State Health Director November 25, to go ahead with its \$8,000,000 expansion-renovation program.

Construction will make way for a new 22-bed acute care nursing unit, nursery, emergency room, operating room, and sections for radiology, medical records, and nuclear medicine. Areas will be enlarged for respiratory services, administration, house-keeping and doctors' and nurses' change rooms.

The laboratory, pharmacy, dietary section, storage, and laundry will be expanded.

The Intensive Care Unit and Cardiac Care Unit will be increased from four to six beds. Two post-partum beds also will be added.

The North Wing will be converted to increase the long term care beds from 22 to 40. Total number of beds in the facility will be increased from 106 to 130.

The purposes of the major program are to comply with public health and fire safety

regulations, and to expand various departments where demand for services is great.

Two stipulations for approval are requested by the State. The hospital administration must submit to the Michigan Department of Public Health a copy of financial feasibility for the project, when the study is completed. Also, the hospital must amend the application for Certificate of Need to reflect recommended changes in the project design and costs in accord with the financial feasibility study, if such changes are made.

The hospital will seek funding through tax-exempt bonds through the Hospital Finance Authority.

Supporting the State Health Director's approval were the Northern Michigan Health Systems Agency and state administrators of the federal Hill-Burton program.

Notification of approval came from the Division of Health Facility Planning and Construction, Michigan Department of Public Health.

## Dispute Over Social Services Building Site Continues

by Joe Schrader

In a meeting described as a "continuation of last Monday's session", County Prosecutor Thomas Kent, who arranged the session, opened it by indicating that perhaps several apparent

unanswered questions could be cleared up - those questions surfacing after discovery was made that the new Social Services building was under construction on a site opposed by the local board. The meeting

held last Wednesday, was attended by members of the Social Services Board, County Commissioners, State and Local Social Services representatives, members of the State Dept. of Management and Bud-

get and a number of local interested citizens.

The furor over the location arose recently when the Board learned that the 4200 sq. ft. facility was now under construction on a site located at the junction of Eagle Point Rd. and M-72 West, a location board members and the County Board of Commissioners considers to be too remote for the convenient use of Social Services clients.

The dispute became even more intense when it was also learned that Kent and his law partner, Alton Davis, Asst. County Prosecutor, are partners in the Gladwin firm, Star Enterprises, who gained the successful bid on the project, signed a lease with the State and recently began construction. Alleging that perhaps some "conflict of interest" may exist in view of certain services provided by the Prosecutor's office to the Social Services Dept., the Board is seeking some relief in the matter, even suggesting that construction somehow be halted until the controversy is thoroughly reviewed.

Also attending Wednesday's meeting was Terrence Grillore, another partner with Star Enterprises, who was introduced by Kent and called upon to review the chain of events leading up to the current status of the project. His review of the matter contained the following points:

—Star Enterprises built a [See Building on page 16]

## Legion's 32nd Annual Kiddies Christmas Party Dec. 22nd

The Grayling Post 106, American Legion will hold their 32nd annual Kiddies Christmas Party for Crawford County children on Thursday, December 22nd.

This year the schedule will be the same as last year when the Frederic pre-school and grades kindergarten through 6th will be entertained at the Frederic Elementary School from 9:30 until 10:30 a.m.

The party will then move on to the Legion Hall in Grayling where preschoolers and morning kindergarten children will be entertained from 11:00 until 11:30, with the afternoon kindergarten students receiving their goodies from 12:45 to 1:15.

The rest of the students from first through fifth grades will be bused from the school to the hall at times to be announced at the school.

Contributions are being accepted by the Legion Post to help defray expenses of the party. Donations may be left at the Legion Club, or given to Larkin Baker, Ken Moore, Mike Ingalls or George Gingerick.

## City Changes Water - Sewer Billing Dates

The City of Grayling would like to remind all City water and sewer customers that a change in billing procedure will occur with the January 10, 1978 water billing.

The bills will be printed in a new postcard size format which will reduce the amount of data required for printing while still retaining all of the information needed for accurate billing and collection of accounts.

The second change and that most likely to cause temporary confusion is detailed on the back side of the new bills and is as directed by the City Council.

[See Changes on page 16]

## Our Weather

[Courtesy of Chuck Fick]

December	Hi	Lo	Snow
6	20	13	8.0
7	23	-7	8.0
8	29	9	12.0
9	21	4	12.0
10	14	-15	11.5
11	18	-22	11.5
12	28	11	12.0

## To Start Boxing Teams

The Grayling Booster Club is starting a Boxing Team. Anyone interested please call Delbert Case, 348-7788 or Richard Vanover, 348-5367.

## Christmas Program

The annual Christmas program of the Grayling Elementary School will be held on Wednesday evening, December 21 at the Grayling High School auditorium from 7 to 8 p.m.

The program is under the direction of Mrs. Peggy Emerick, elementary music teacher, and is entitled "Christmas Eve at Home". Santa is expected to arrive at the school that night, too.

Everyone is urged to have their children in attendance and to come and take part in the pleasure of hearing them perform.

## Crafts and Bake Sale

There will be a Homemade Craft and Bake Sale at Glen's Dec. 17th from 9:00 to 2. It will be sponsored by the Grayling Adult Education class.

## Legion Christmas Party

Members of the American Legion and Auxiliary and their families are invited to attend the Post 106 Christmas dinner party Monday, December 19th, at 6:30 p.m. Each family is to bring a dish to pass. Meat, coffee and milk will be provided by the Post.

There will also be a gift exchange, \$2.50 maximum for adults and \$2.00 maximum for children. Men are to bring gifts for a man, women for a woman, boys for a boy and girls for a girl.

## Travel North to Face Hurons Friday

## Varsity Cagers Still Winless; JV's Post Two

by Joe Schrader

Grayling's Varsity cage squad had its winless streak stretch to four games last week absorbing two cage losses, but the Vike JV team posted a pair of wins, first

knocking Charlevoix on Tuesday, 68-64, then edging St. Ignace, 53-51 Friday night. The Varsity team went down to defeat at the hands of the Red Raiders, 64-53, then got bounced by a tough St. Ignace Saint team, 76-57 on Friday. Both games were against conference foes.

This past Tuesday, the Vikes traveled to meet the Roscommon Bucks in a non-conference tilt and on Friday return to conference action when they journey north to the lakeshore to face the Rogers City Hurons.

"Our failure to hit on free throws pretty much cost us the

game against Charlevoix," said Head Coach Fred Wolcott after the contest. "We hit on only 11 of 29 attempts while they connected for 16 of 26. At one point late in the game, we pressured to within four points but missed some crucial free throws at that point that really hurt," he concluded.

A cool-shooting second quarter by the Vikes permitted Charlevoix to take a 28-20 half-time advantage. Grayling took a run at the Red Raiders the final stanza but inability by the Vikes to hit from the charity line allowed Charlevoix to post an

11-point victory, a somewhat deceptive point spread.

Forward Geoff Stancil led the Vikes with 23 points and Rocky Tobin also hit double figures.

[See Basketball on page 2]

## Blood Pressure Clinic

District Health Dept. #1 Crawford County Branch Office has cancelled the Blood Pressure Clinic for the month of Dec. There will be a Clinic on Jan. 18, 1978.

## Davis' Asst. Here Dec. 19

LANSING — Senate Republican Leader Bob Davis will be sending his administrative assistant Bill Huber to Crawford County on Monday, December 19.

Huber is Davis' district representative and spends most of his time in the Senate district holding office hours, attending meetings, and visiting with local officials and senior citizens to familiarize himself with area problems. He relays his findings directly to Davis.

Huber's schedule for Monday, December 19 is as follows:

9:30 a.m. — Michigan Northern Counties Assoc. Meeting, County Courthouse, Grayling.

10:30 a.m. — Office Hours, Frederic Township Hall, Frederic.

Any person who has a problem or comment he wishes to relay to Senator Davis may visit Huber without an appointment during the hours scheduled.

White Pine Stampede.

Top level competition from throughout the state and midwest is expected. However, a number of intermediate skiers and even relative newcomers to one of the nation's fastest growing sports should also find a healthy challenge over either [See Stampede on page 2]

## Gen-Tel Adds To Long Distance Network

General Telephone's Grayling customers now have increased access to the nationwide long distance network. Lois Reagan, northern division manager, announced today.

A recently completed "electronic carrier system" circuit addition has added 72 long distance circuits between Grayling and the Skyline long distance switching center.

Mrs. Reagan explained that continued customer growth and increasing call volumes dictated the need to provide the increased long distance call handling capacity.

This Grayling exchange long distance service expansion project required investment of \$60,500.00 by General Telephone, according to the utility manager.

## Warning

"Inactive Duty Training will be conducted by units of Michigan Air National Guard during the period 14-17, 20-23 and 27-30 December 1977.

The Air to Ground Range which is located east of Guthrie Lake and north of County Road 612, will be in use during this period.

This range will be closed during the above dates and all person are warned to stay out of this area."



**1,000,000th BOWSTRING PRODUCED FOR BEAR ARCHERY**—The 1,000,000th bowstring was produced recently for Bear Archery by the new Cornhusker Archery plant in Bassett, Nebraska. Manager of the plant is former Grayling resident, Dick Mauch, on the left, shown here with the historic string and Bear Archery Executive Vice President Robert F. Kelly.



# SHOP GRAYLING FIRST! for a "Merrier Christmas"



## Capitol Capsules

**by State Rep. Ralph Ostling**  
**SBT ACCORD.** After long negotiations, the legislature has passed SB 734, which will provide up to \$72 million in Single Business Tax relief for small and low-profit businesses, using a formula based on dividing total income by a firm's total tax base.

**MEMORIAL DAY.** The House has narrowly approved HB 4243, which would change Memorial Day in Michigan back to May 30 from the last Monday in May. A similar bill passed the House last session but was not acted upon in the Senate.

**UN-RETIREMENT PLAN.** Now before the full House is HB 5393, which would prohibit companies from forcing their employees to retire because of age. While this would permit over-65s to work, it might also make fewer jobs available to new, young workers.

**UNEMPLOYMENT STANDOFF.** The House will soon vote on SB 714, which would bring Michigan law on unemployment compensation into line with federal law in order to preserve federal benefits for the state. The law was delayed for three months because one group wanted to include \$60 million in benefits for nonprofessional school employees while another wanted to limit benefits for those who voluntarily quit their jobs; both groups agreed to drop their demands.

**MINIMUM WAGE.** Now in the Senate is HB 5642, which would increase the state minimum wage to \$3.35 an hour by 1981, the same as the federal mini-

mum wage will be. The minimum wage is now \$2.30; it would go to \$2.65 next year, \$2.90 in 1979, \$3.10 in 1980 and then \$3.35 in 1981.

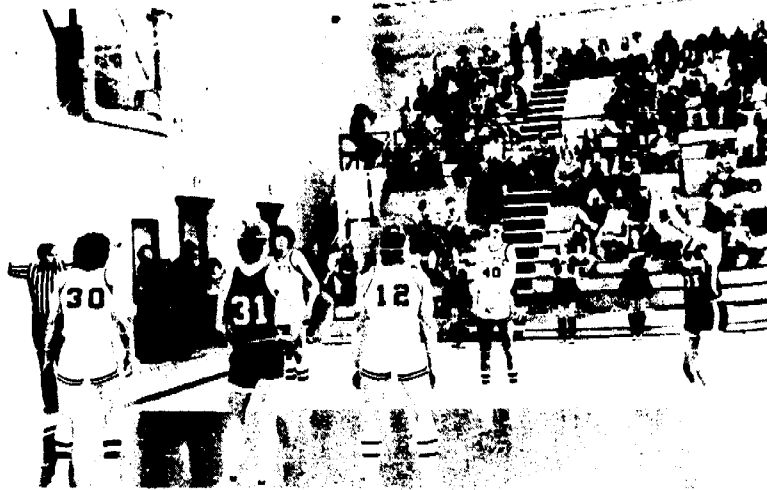
**DRUNK DRIVING.** The House has approved HB 5383, which would boost fines for driving under the influence of alcohol to a maximum of \$500, now \$100, and for driving while impaired by alcohol to a maximum of \$250, now also \$100. It is hoped this will help discourage drunk driving.

**FRAUD HOTLINE.** The Department of Social Services now has a toll-free number which can be called to report complaints of fraud by physicians, laboratories, nursing homes and other Medicaid providers. The number, 1-800-292-5404, can be called Monday-Friday, 8 AM to 5 PM.

**CAT BILL.** Now in the House is SB 1189, which would remove house cats from the year-round open-season provisions of the hunting law. However, cats could still be taken or killed on or near someone's property if they have damaged or are liable to damage the property.

**METRIC SALES.** The Senate has approved SB 169, which would allow the use of metric weights and measures at the option of the seller in Michigan. This comes as more and more items are being offered for sale in metric containers: have you bought a liter of soda pop lately?

**Diet Food Revenues.** Americans spent almost \$300 million in supermarkets for special diet foods and weight control products last year.



**VIKE CAGERS** had a tough time at the foul line last week and a poor shooting effort against Charlevoix may have cost them the game.

## Basketball

(Continued from page 1)

with 12. Jeff Parkinson and Tim Bitner added 5 apiece. Tom Kaiser had 4 and Randy McLain and Dan Niederer added 2 apiece. Pat Schmidt led the Red Rayer attack with 22 points.

"We played the best team we've played all year," remarked Wolcott after the St. Ignace loss. All their players shot well and they outbounded us. We're improving every game, though; we're young and still learning," he concluded.

The Saints erupted early Friday night, hitting for 25

points the first quarter to Grayling's 14. At the halftime break it was 42-30 but the Saints poured in 34 more in the second half to coast to the 76-57 conference win. Dan Niederer led the Vikes with 11 points while Stancil hit for 10. Also in the scoring column for the Vikes were Mark McEvers and Tobin with 8 apiece, with McLain, Tim Krey, Parkinson and Bitner each chipping in with 4. Floyd Pacquin led a balanced St. Ignace scoring attack with 15 points.

In the JV win over Charlevoix, Grayling had to come from behind in the fourth quarter to pull out the victory even though the Vikes led at halftime, 32-27. A 19-point spurt in the third quarter put the Red Rayerders into the lead but the Vikes, led by Rich Calkins with 10 points, poured in 20 points the final stanza to post Grayling's first cage win of the year. Mark Kibbe led the Vikes with 23 points. Calkins followed with 15. George Bindschattel added 9. Ken Helsel had 8. Mike Chrisman 7 and Todd Duncley tossed in 6. Peters led Charlevoix with 17 points.

It was nip and tuck all the way against the Fighting Saints on Friday too, with the Vikes trailing 29-24 at the half and 37-35 going into the fourth quarter. Todd Duncley got hot, though, hitting for 11 of Grayling's 18 points the last quarter and the Vikes pulled out a 2-point win, evening their record at 2-2 for the season. Duncley led the scoring with 21 points while Calkins added 9. Peters (another one) poured in 26 points for St. Ignace.

The Vike Freshman team hosted Charlevoix Monday night but had its record dip to 0-3 as the Red Rayerders posted a 53-42 win. Mike Bendig led the Frosh attack with 24 points. The squad took on Rogers City here at home Monday night.

Next week on Monday, the Middle School cagers will launch their season schedule when the 7th and 8th grade squads journey eastward to Mio to take on the Thunderbolts.

## MHS CONFERENCE

	League Overall	W	L	T
Grayling	4	0	4	0
Potosky	4	0	4	0
St. Ignace	3	1	4	1
Charlevoix	2	1	2	1
Rogers City	1	2	2	2
Cheboygan	1	3	1	4
Boysen City	0	4	0	4
Grayling	0	4	0	4

Friday's games: Charlevoix at St. Ignace; Grayling at Potosky; Grayling at Rogers City; Cheboygan at Boysen City.

Saturday's games: Cheboygan at Alpena.

## Public Notice

Applications are being received up to December 28, 1977 for the Temporary Position of Secretary and Bookkeeper in the Office of Building and Zoning at the County Court House. Applications may be received from Roy Papenfus, Administrator of Building and Zoning 15-22

## Stampede

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the 50 or 20 kilometer course. The White Pine Stampede is sponsored by interested citizens and groups from a number of surrounding communities including Mancelona and Grayling.

Entries and enquiries may be addressed to: White Pine Stampede, P.O. Box 429, Mancelona, Mich. 49659.

For further information contact: Jack McKaig, race chairman, 616-587-8351, or Tom Walenow - publicity, Antrim County News, 616-587-8471.

## Mercy Hospital News

The following are among those admitted to the hospital during the past week: Donna Thompson, Lisa Mulliken, Michael Delp, Gloria Anderson, Cheryl Brooks, Mary Gress, Anna Riness, Jaymie Brunskill, Thomas Loren and Linda Northrop, all of Grayling; Leon Parker and Judith Hubert of Frederic.

Those who were released included: Ralph Collier, Donna Thomson, Joyce Larkey, Helen Brown, Jean Hahn, Cheryl Brooks, Edwin Hartig, Gloria Anderson and Gloria Sauld, all of Grayling; Mildred Iverson, Leon Parker, Alice Weaver and Nicole Weaver, all of Frederic.

A daughter, Jessica, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wright of Roscommon on December 6, weighing 8 lbs. 2 ozs. Mr. and Mrs. John Sullivan of Roscommon are the parents of a son, Peter James. He was born December 7 and weighed 7 lbs. 6 ozs.

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Mulliken Jr. of Grayling are happy over the arrival of a daughter, Nicole Elizabeth, on December 8. She weighed 8 lbs. 9 ozs.

Jason, Kenneth, Gross, was born December 10 to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gross of Grayling. The little fellow tipped the scales at 6 lbs. 12 ozs.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Northrop of Grayling are the proud parents of a son, Corey Ryan, born December 11, weighing 8 lbs. 31 ozs.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Brunskill of Grayling announce the arrival of a daughter, Melissa Louise, on December 11. She weighed 7 lbs. 13 ozs. at birth.

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## Natural Resources Commission Action

(under authority of Act 230, P.A. 1925, as amended)

## OPEN SEASONS AND CATCH LIMITS ON PIKE, WALLEYE, SAUGER AND MUSKELLUNGE

The Natural Resources Commission, at its meeting on August 12, 1977, under the authority of Act 230, P.A. 1925, as amended, ordered that its subject order of August 15, 1975, remain effective through December 31, 1977, and that the following order become effective on January 1, 1978:

It shall be unlawful to take the following named species except within the open seasons and daily limits prescribed (statewide regulations apply unless otherwise restricted):

Statewide open seasons on all waters not otherwise closed to fishing shall be from May 15 through February on walleye, sauger, northern pike, and muskellunge (including tiger muskellunge). The daily catch limit shall be 5 singly or in combination for largemouth and small-mouth bass, walleye, sauger, and northern pike; 1 for muskellunge (including tiger muskellunge).

The above regulations apply except that walleye and sauger may be taken at any time from the Detroit and St. Clair rivers, Lake St. Clair, and Lake Erie; and that muskellunge in Lake St. Clair, St. Clair and Detroit rivers may be taken only from the first Saturday in June through December 15 of each year.



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## From Our Corner....

Being a nasty fella as we have been the last couple of weeks, is strictly out of character ... we were brought up to love thy fellow man ... even though you get swatted twice on each cheek — one just has to forgive ...

So — following our listening to the Christmas music on you know what ... we have to say something nice about one of our bureaus — highway only at this time ...

As we think about it, it seems we must be on the same frequency ... last summer we complained about the RR Crossing and the next few days the problem was corrected (for a while?) ... in our corner last week, we sorta mentioned a long awaited traffic light at M-72 East and I-75 Business Loop ... to and behold ... it will be operable by this Friday.

We mentioned to our office gal, that if we received any similar requests, just transfer them up-stairs.

Speaking of up-stairs — brought to mind our request from Father John and our heater last New Year's eve ... neither gave us much hope then ... so, we hope we may experience the same knowledgeable advice — then you will have to put up with all this trivia for a while longer.

We received a note along with a subscription renewal last week from F.J. with the remark that he followed the progress of T.J. — now if you were a native of this area, we would not have to explain ... for the new-comers ... F.J. belongs to the McClain clan who left the hamlet of Grayling in search of the riches in the city ... evidently he made it — he can afford \$8.00.

As of Saturday we will celebrate our second birthday ... the halo may be placed a little tighter ... we will lose our grip on this earth through other means — without smokes.

## YOUR WEEK AHEAD By DAMIS

Forecast Period:  
December 25 - 31

- ARIES**  
Mar. 21-Apr. 19  
A chain of events, this week, will cause many members under your sign to think in terms of changing the job, task or project.
- TAURUS**  
Apr. 20-May 20  
The ability to concentrate seems to be a big thing in your chart. Evidently, a few routine tasks will pay off.
- GEMINI**  
May 21-June 20  
Romance is functioning behind the scenes, but not to your advantage. It would be a good idea to prepare for a surprise.
- MOONCHILD**  
June 21-July 22  
The planet Saturn might force you into a downbeat mood. So, you'll feel as though you're crawling from one event to the other.
- LEO**  
July 23-Aug. 22  
It seems as though you'll lend your support to a winning cause. You're entering a cosmic cycle when you'll do no wrong.
- VIRGO**  
Aug. 23-Sept. 22  
You'll make gains at your job, task or project. Which, incidentally, will bring you no well wishers.
- LIBRA**  
Sept. 23-Oct. 22  
A member of the opposite sex is beginning to question your motives. Also, don't take your mate or similar alliance for granted.
- SCORPIO**  
Oct. 23-Nov. 21  
Don't despair if you have picked a string of losers. The law of probability is now on your side.
- SAGITTARIUS**  
Nov. 22-Dec. 21  
Apparently, this week, you'll receive more help than you'll need. Actually, there will be distraction on your job or project.
- CAPRICORN**  
Dec. 22-Jan. 19  
According to your chart, you'll close the door on one project and open the door to another.
- AQUARIUS**  
Jan. 20-Feb. 18  
Don't rely on help that's been promised. This week, you're on your own; you'll do well!
- PISCES**  
Feb. 19-Mar. 20  
You'll get your own way with a member of the opposite sex. As a matter of fact, affairs of the heart are favorable.

## STURGEON SPEARING SEASON — STATEWIDE —

The Natural Resources Commission, under the authority of sections 1 and 3 of Act No. 230, P.A. 1925, as amended, orders that for five years beginning January 1, 1978, it shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take sturgeon by means of spears from the inland waters of this State, except during the month of February of each year.

## Interesting Events In Grayling 23 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO

### 23 Years Ago

Dec. 16, 1954

Author Clough reports the sale of the MacAuley house on Park St. to Mr. and Mrs. James Baker.

John Canfield, the third son of Mr. and Mrs. John Canfield Jr., is enjoying a 14 day leave visiting friends and relatives.

Wesley LaGrow and Peggy and Steve drove to Big Rapids Tuesday evening of last week to get Miss Cora Ann who spent the remainder of the week with her parents. It was a between semester vacation at Ferris Institute where Cora Ann attends school.

John Harrison took the midnight train to Detroit last Tuesday and from there in company with Mrs. Harrison left for Lakeland, Fla. to spend the winter with their son Bill and family. Mrs. Harrison had been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Mary Bristow and family of Detroit.

Mrs. Ann Carrievau was hostess at a birthday party last Thursday evening at her home in honor of Mrs. Liland Smock. Eight ladies enjoyed the evening playing cards. The Christmas setting was carried out and a lovely lunch was served. Mrs. Smock received many nice gifts from the group.

Dr. and Mrs. B.E. Henig were hosts at a dinner last Thursday evening honoring the nurses at Mercy Hospital. Following the dinner, medical movies were shown.

Don Bobenmeyer spent three days last week in Cheboygan on business.

Mr. and Mrs. E.R. Burns spent last Sunday in Alton visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Seaman.

Several friends of little Jane Buron, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Buron, dropped in last Tuesday evening, to help her celebrate her birthday. Jane was quite pleased to have Uncle Glen wish her a happy birthday and tell her where her present was hidden.

Mrs. Harold Long returned home Saturday after spending a week in Detroit visiting friends and relatives.

The O.C. Club held their annual Christmas party Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Jensen. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Bristol. The evening was spent playing games and the prizes were won by Rolla Failing and Clayton Bristol.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Burns and family of Traverse City, spent the weekend visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E.R. Burns.

### 46 Years Ago

Dec. 17, 1931

One of the largest crowds that has ever attended a school play turned out Wednesday evening to see "A Topsy Turvy Christmas" which was given under the direction of Miss McAllister, teacher of music; Miss Monroe, who taught the dances, and Miss Hermann, the speaking parts. The scene was laid in a large room in grandma's house where grandma (Frances Entsminger) is entertaining at Christmas. Grandma's guests becoming curious about their presents turns everything topsy turvy, even themselves, but old Kris (Forest Brado) with the help of the fairies finally set things alright. Other leads in the play were taken by Aubrey Brado (Prudence), Corrine Burns (Pandora), Howard Smock (Ray), and Jack McClain (Rob), as grandma's guests. Clever choruses throughout the play were sung by: Grandma's helpers—Flora Moffat, Dorothy Atwell, Betty Jean Failing, Phyllis Hills, Betty Jean Jorgenson, Patricia Roberts, Mary Joseph, Laura Ann Rasmussen, and Gwendolyn Wendt; Dream Fairies—Jean Brady, Bessie Askins, Gloria McNeven, Patricia McKenna, Natalie Peterson, Virginia Peterson, Margery Broadbent, Phyllis Hewitt, Marjorie Niederer and Kathryn Carr. Educated Cats—Bobby Welsh, Teddy Nelson, Donald Bobenmeyer, Tommy Ingalls, Clayton Budd, F.J. McClain, Floyd Millikin and Charles Fletcher. Dolls—Frances Whipple, Donna Mae Millikin, Frederick Smith, Violet

Brown, Dickey Rasmussen, Ruth LaMotte, Roger Brado and Ida Ruth Maxwell. The solos by Aubrey Brado, Frances Entsminger and Forest Brado were sweet and well rendered while the choruses showed excellent training. Just before the curtain rose, young Wayne Nellist welcomed the patrons with an address in the form of a recitation which was given in a very clever manner.

Mrs. L. D. Herbison was hostess to the members of the Women's club at their annual Christmas meeting Monday evening held at the city club room. The business session was followed by a short program of music, the members joining together in singing numerous Christmas caroles. Mrs. Louise McAllister was at the piano. Mrs. Milnes also sang a very pretty solo, for which Mrs. Emil Giegling played the accompaniment. The Drama committee, composed of Miss Claire Jacques, Miss Evelyn Thieme, Miss Hazel Cassidy and Mrs. J.C. Green, gave a very interesting play entitled "A Christmas Chime". The cast of characters was as follows: Gladys Terril—Miss Claire Jacques, Joe Terril, her husband—Miss Evelyn Thieme, Dolly Lee, a guest, Mrs. Dorothy Green and Ted Owen a holiday guest. Miss Hazel Cassidy.

### 69 Years Ago

Dec. 17, 1908

Mrs. John Shively of Beaver Creek is visiting her mother in Lansing.

Mrs. W.T. Lewis of Frederic was in town Tuesday combining business with calling on old friends.

The Dowell Mill is running again with a full complement of men, and all are glad to hear the whistle.

Regular service has been resumed at the Danish Lutheran Church. Rev. Kjolhede, the new pastor arrived last month.

Nine of our merchants met Monday evening and organized what will be known as the Retail Merchants Association of Grayling with Hyman Joseph president, Fred Narrin, vice president, and S.S. Phelps, Jr., secretary.

Married November 25, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. McNeven, Miss Mary McNeven, and Mr. Frank Smith of this village. Rev. Fleming officiated. After the ceremony the happy couple left for a visit with friends in Romeo.

V. Salling has rented the Opera House in the Odd Fellows building and will open with a moving picture show Saturday evening.

The following list of petit jurors has been drawn to serve at the January term of Circuit Court, South Branch. Albert Funch, John Floeter, Hugo Schrieber, Jr., James F. Crane, Frank Hutzler, Joseph H. Nickols and Ernest P. Richardson. Beaver Creek—Will Williams, Andie Mortenson, Oliver Billman, John C. Failing, Alton Brot and Albert Merrill, Frederic, W. J. Callahan, Maple Forest John Malco, Arnold Johnson, E.J. Houghton and James Knibbs, Grayling—Albert Kraus, Peter Aebli, Hugo Schrieber, E.A. Keller, Marius Hanson and Hans Peterson.

Wednesday morning the wrecking crew arrived, also the bridge crew with another bridge. We expect the trains will be running soon. Lovells.

Mrs. Budd of Johannesburg came over Monday and was visiting Mrs. Thomas Wakeley.

Miss Margaret Husted, our efficient teacher, is drilling the scholars on exercises for the Xmas entertainment.

## The Bible Speaks

From Calvary Baptist Church

### The Return Of God's Supermen

Rev. 11:8-13

When God's two special prophets shall come during the Great Tribulation, the world shall show their utter contempt and hatred for God and His Servants. After they kill them in Rev. 11:7, their dead bodies will be left in the streets of Jerusalem, verse 8. All the world shall observe their dead bodies, probably by television, for 3 1/2 days and burial will not be permitted. And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another, because these two prophets tormented them that dwell on the earth.

Can you imagine the world hating truth so much that they kill God's servants and begin celebrating with parties and exchanging of gifts. The true servants of God who have stood for pure truth have never been very popular. The world shall always try to defy God's Word and God's Judgment upon sin.

For centuries the unsaved have killed God's prophets, even His only begotten Son. But now they are faced with two prophets who won't stay dead. And after three days and an half the Spirit of Life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet, and great fear fell upon them which saw

them." Verse 11. The World shall fear because they were celebrating victory just when God reminds them that the war is not over and He is still in control.

All the world shall observe as these two resurrected prophets shall ascend slowly into Heaven just as their Lord had done centuries before, Verse 12. Then during the same hour, God shall destroy 10% of the city including seven thousand men. "And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand; and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven." Verse 13

Wouldn't it be wonderful if the world would accept the preaching of the Bible by God's servants, repent of their sins and trust Jesus Christ? What a shame that those thousands of people had to destroy God's servants and defy His Word before the severe judgment of God brought upon them fear and repentance. (adv.)

Rev. Barnett



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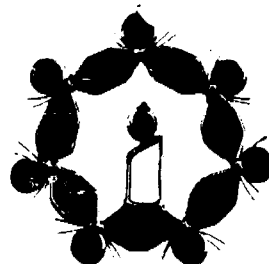
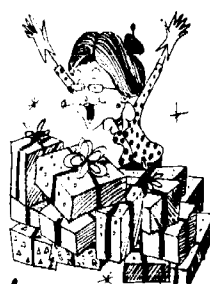
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## Viking Mat Men Pin 'Em Again

[By Mary Allen]

On December 6th the Vikings made it two consecutive wins when they met the Ducks on Roscommon's Home Mat with a 28-32 victory.

98# Darrel Metzler, lost by decision (9-5). 105# Burt Partello, won by forfeit, 112# Chris Conklin, won by forfeit, 119# Tim Jones, tied (6-6). 126# Chuck Gofnick, won by pin (4 min 30 sec.). 132# Steve Byce, lost by decision (9-2).

138# Sherm Holley, won by pin (2nd consecutive pin); 145# Terry Luckstead, lost by pin; 155# Dennis O'Mara, lost by pin; 165# Mark Gofnick, lost by pin; 178# Mike Allen, won by pin (3 min. 41 sec.). 191# Steve Dean, won by forfeit. Hwy Steve Cde Baca, lost by pin.

Junior Varsity, 119# Duane Blows, won by decision (9-14). 126# Bart DeVos, won by pin; 132# Todd Leslie, lost by pin; 191# Mike Hoag, won by pin.

The Vikings' first home meet was cancelled when the St. Ignace Saints got "pinned" at home by the snow on Thursday, Dec. 8th.

The snow did not stop our freshman and sophomores at the Five Star Freshman/Sophomore Tournament at Rogers City on Saturday the 10th. Our younger mat men were up very early to be at weigh-in by 9 a.m.

Their enthusiasm paid off in four first place medals. 98# Darrel Metzler (4 pins); 112# Burt Partello (4 pins); 119# Tim Jones (4 pins) and 155# Dennis O'Mara.

Burt Partello won further honors by having the fastest pin in 9 seconds. His total time on the mat with the four opponents he pinned, was 1 min. and 23 sec. Just think, he is only a sophomore — watch him in future matches. Dennis O'Mara made the coaches smile even brighter by winning his first medal in the first tournament of his 1st year in wrestling.

Second place medals were earned by 132# Bart DeVos; 165# Barry Cote; 191# Steve Dean. A third place medal was earned by 112# Chris Conklin. The total team scores for the tournament were 191 pts. Rogers City, 142 pts. Grayling; 72 pts. St. Ignace; 42 pts. Onaway.

The Vikings are vigorously training for the "Holiday Invitational" at Charlevoix Dec. 17th. This is the largest Class C & D tournament held in Michigan. Over 200 wrestler's representing 16 schools will be participating. Come to cheer the Vikings on to victory and see some of the best athletes from the state in one to one competition for top medals.

The Preliminaries will begin at 10:30 a.m. and the Finals at 6:30 p.m. This is a lot of entertainment and excitement for

the low price of \$1.00 admission 50c for students.

If you have not seen the Vikings in action we can guarantee you will not be disappointed by cheering them on to victory in this tournament of tournaments. See you at Charlevoix, Saturday, Dec. 17th. Go Vikings — Pin 'em Again!

## Cub Scout Activities

December 20 is the date of the December pack meeting for Pack 993 of the Cub Scouts of America. Boys will be bringing cakes they have baked with their fathers, and families may bring old or outgrown uniforms to the meeting to swap.

The father son cake bake has become an annual event. The theme for the occasion is "Do Your Best," which is the cub scout motto. Boys and their fathers must bake cakes from scratch, with imagination in decorating paying off.

The meeting is at 7:30 in the Grayling Elementary gym.

## Avalanche Xmas Edition

The annual Christmas greeting edition of the Avalanche will be printed on Wednesday morning, Dec. 21st. Our office is in the process of contacting former interested businesses and individuals.

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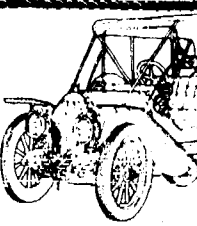
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## Benefits For Veterans Explained

Veterans in Michigan were reminded that they have many benefits that their families should be made aware of in case of their death.

Frank J. Kilcullen, Jr., director of the VA regional office in Detroit, said the VA will pay \$250 toward the burial expenses of veterans who served during periods of conflict and did not have a dishonorable discharge.

Kilcullen said there is also a \$150 plot or interment allowance if the burial is not in a national cemetery or other government cemetery.

These VA payments will be reduced or eliminated in cases where the veteran's employer or a state agency has made such payments. In cases where a veteran's death is service-connected, VA will pay an amount not to exceed \$600 in lieu of the usual burial allowances.

The VA director said the VA also provides a headstone and a burial flag for the casket.

Kilcullen pointed out that veterans may be buried in National Cemeteries which have space available. Space is also provided for a veteran's wife or husband, minor children and, under certain circumstances, unmarried adult children.

This benefit is available to all peacetime and war veterans if they did not have a dishonorable discharge.

## Navaho Indians

Friday, December 2nd, Mrs. Bovee's fourth grade class learned about the Navaho Indians. Mrs. Olson brought some Indian jewelry to show our class. Most of the jewelry was very expensive.

One bracelet had ivory in it that was over 2000 years old. It was a present to Mrs. Olson from an Indian chief.

She also told us how they made their money out of turquoise. First they took a big chunk of turquoise and broke it into little pieces, then they took a porcupine quill and they twisted it into the turquoise very slowly.

They rolled the turquoise in the sand until it was smooth, then they took some wool and twisted and strung the turquoise on the string. They would determine how much it would be worth by how smooth it was.

Written by Kathy Allen and Cheryl Young

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## New Gaylord Nursing Home Begins Hiring

Applications for department heads for the new Provincial House of Gaylord are now being accepted. The announcement was made by Dennis Sherman, project director of the 120-bed skilled nursing facility being constructed at 508 Random Lane in Gaylord.

The nursing home is scheduled to open for admissions in February, 1978. "Our startup staff will be a small core group," stated Sherman, "adequate to give complete care to the number of residents we expect to admit immediately upon opening." When the facility is fully occupied, it will have between 80 and 100 full and part-time employees.

The new facility will be owned and operated by a partnership which includes 3 local residents: Robert Kemp, hospital administrator, Dr. Robert Peterson, pathologist, and Dr. Innes Mattias, surgeon. The fourth member is Provincial House, Inc., the Lansing-based health care firm which owns and operates 16 other nursing facilities throughout Michigan.

Applicants for department head positions including Director of Nursing, Registered Nurses, Licensed Practical Nurses, Dietary Supervisor, Admission Coordinator, Maintenance Supervisor, and House Accounting Clerk will be interviewed at the Chalet Motor Lodge in Gaylord on Monday, December 19 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesday, December 20 from 1 to 6 p.m. Hiring of nurse aides, dietary

aides, and housekeeping and maintenance personnel will follow in January.

For further information, contact Dennis Sherman, Project Director, Provincial House, Inc., 4000 North Grand River, Lansing, Michigan 48906, telephone 517/321-8300.

## CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank Doctors Blaha, Henig and Rosi, nurses, aides, all the staff in radiology and the lab staff for their kind treatment, care, etc. Also to Rev. George Spencer for his visits and prayers, my family and dear friends and neighbors for their kindness. I wish to take this opportunity to thank all for their flowers and many cards. May God Bless All.

Carl A. Doroh

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## What's Cooking In Michigan

By Carl Olson

Mich. Dept. of Agriculture

There's something special about a Christmas gift if you make it yourself. It's personal and really shows you care. If what you make looks like Christmas, that's even better and a good way to do it is with this recipe for Sprigs O' Holly from the file of a friend.

Melt 40 large marshmallows and a quarter pound of fine Michigan Grade A butter in a double boiler. Then add one teaspoon vanilla and two teaspoons of green food coloring. Now add five cups of cornflakes, stir quickly to coat, and drop the mixture by teaspoons on waxed paper. Place red cinnamon candies on top and set aside for 24 hours.

The candy sets up and looks as though it is ceramic. Purchase some glass jars, fill them with Sprigs O' Holly and you have an excellent Christmas present for close friends.

Another idea for you might be what is termed "never fail" divinity. Cook three cups of pure Michigan beet sugar, three quarter cup of light corn syrup and one-half cup of water in a saucepan until it reads 248 degrees, about 7 minutes. Don't stir it during this time.

Whip two egg whites to the soft peak stage and add the syrup gradually in a fine stream. Add one teaspoon vanilla and continue whipping for 20 to 25 minutes or until the mixture starts to become dry. Add one cup of chopped nuts and stir until blended. Then just drop from a teaspoon onto waxed paper and let cool.

It's a super recipe and with black walnuts, is even better. Or you may wish to top with halves of Michigan maraschino cherries for that festive holiday touch.

## Editor's Mailbox

I would like to take this opportunity to express myself regarding the controversy of the disbanding of the Grayling City Police.

I have been on a Grant system paid partly by the State, or Federal Government since I've been in Law Enforcement. This being 2 years with the Crawford Co. Sheriff Dept., and almost 3 years with the City of Grayling. I've been on CETA for the City since my hire May 8, 1975. Last year CETA paid up to \$10,000 of my wages, the City budget does not reflect this.

In one of our department budget meetings with the City Manager, Chief, and all department members we were told by the City Manager that he would rather deal with a union because he would have to deal with only one representative instead of 5 individual members.

In a meeting with the Mayor shortly after this we brought up a nine point list of problems we felt should be dealt with. After the first 8 points were discussed the Mayor said he had heard all these problems before and he would hear them again. At this time, point 9, union representation was brought up. When the union election was held the vote was 5 votes for union, 0 against union. After the election it was over 1 year before bargaining started. During this time we lost 1 man to political ambitions and he was replaced. Also, in April of this year Parking Enforcement was eliminated, this along with increased reporting systems by State and Federal Governments caused a heavier work-load to be placed on the Chief and Patrolmen.

City Officers handle 2 or 3 times the complaints per man than the Sheriff's Dept. This is due to the Sheriff having more personnel and should not be taken that they don't work as hard, both departments work well together and neither one could function as efficiently without the other.

All we are asking for is equal pay for equal work. None of us think our duty if you need help you get it as fast as possible. If the City Police is disbanded the response time to complaints will increase. The Sheriff's Dept. at this time cannot handle another 4,000 complaints per year on top of the 4,500 to 5,000 they handle now without a loss of efficiency. This is not to say they wouldn't give their best.

As for all City employees getting the same percentage raise, 2 years ago one office employee got 14% increase, all the men in the Police Dept. got different percentages, between them. If this is City policy I would like to see it in black and white. Of course, the last time something like this came up, I said "no". If we wrote down everything we did it would take a long time.

We need public support whether it be for or against. We will all have to live with this decision.

Thanks for listening. If you have any questions, please call me and I'll try and answer them. (CAR 9433)

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## Lobbying

It's a fine art that affects  
the lives of all of us

Richard Millman

Legislative bodies, especially at state and federal levels, hold great control over the lives and fortunes of individuals, groups and businesses; so the fine art of lobbying is much in demand where decisions are made.

And a fine art it is too. Essentially, lobbying can be defined as getting your story across to decision makers, so that the decisions they make will go your way.

Lobbying is indeed an art, as opposed to a science. As witness recent comments by a couple of effective practitioners of the trade, one at the federal level, one at the state level.

Andrew Biemiller, legislative director for the AFL-CIO in Washington, is often called the most powerful man on Capitol Hill, because of the heavy Democratic dominance of the Congress, coupled with organized labor's effective role in electing many of its members.

Biemiller, of course, denies control of the Congress, but the heavy influence of his organization cannot be denied. A contemporary of AFL-CIO President George Meany, former Congressman Biemiller has held the labor lobby job for 23 years.

Recently, Biemiller described the conversation when Meany hired him. Asked how the job should be conducted, Meany recalled for his new lobbyist three rules which Meany claimed he himself had followed for years when he was labor's spokesman in the New York state capitol at Albany. As described by Biemiller, Meany's lobbying rules went like this:

—Don't threaten; you'll only make enemies.

—Don't beg; you'll only demean yourself and lower your own self respect.

—Don't assume you're always 100 percent right.

Meany's rules for lobbying make sense. They also sound like they're intended for long-haul effectiveness.

On the state scene, one of the more

effective voices in Michigan government belongs to Michigan Citizens Lobby, the home-grown version of Common Cause. It's a do good type of citizen's organization, in the best sense of that term, dedicated—so it claims—to the good of the consumer. That's all of us, of course.

A young man named Doug Ross is co-director of Citizens Lobby, which has claimed success in such areas as auto repair reform, gaining approval for generic drug prescriptions and thereby lowering medicine costs, and repeal of the state sales tax on food and medicine through a statewide referendum.

In a recent news article describing one of the Citizens Lobby's latest campaigns for goodness, Doug Ross gave a straight forward statement of how the Lobby works in attempting to influence the state legislature.

"Our strategy is fairly simple," Ross is quoted as saying.

"If we get 20 people from a district focused on one legislator, I don't care whether General Motors, Detroit Edison and the whole banking community are on the other side, nine times out of 10 times, the legislator will go with us."

And that's probably right; most legislators would consider 20 letters or calls or contacts from bona fide constituents as a landslide of opinion, and very likely would tailor their actions accordingly. That is, in the absence of some overriding consideration to the contrary.

What Mr. Ross points out is something to keep in mind: Legislators generally will respond to the voice of their constituents.

The problem most of us have is that either we're too busy or too complacent to make our voices heard.

Citizens Lobby is neither too complacent nor too busy to be involved. The AFL-CIO is neither too complacent nor too busy to make its viewpoints known to members of legislative bodies, in state capitols and in Washington. Neither are the other lobbies which operate at the various capitols.

That's how the system works.



St. Mary's Catholic Church was the setting for the wedding of Denise Jane McEvers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George McEvers of 208 Park St., and Gary Saunders Fox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Fox of 4609 W. Johnson Drive, on Saturday, October 29. Deacon Dan Bonner officiated at the double ring ceremony before some 300 guests.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of white polyester, featuring long sleeves, a train, and daisy lace trim. Her veil of bridal illusion was held in place with a Juliet style headpiece and was edged in matching daisy lace. She carried a bouquet of miniature carnations in blue and white and babies breath.

Maid of honor was Brenda Sams. Bridesmaids were Denise Bowers, Cheryl Golinick, Julie McClain, Bonnie McPherson and Cindi Shepler. They wore pale blue halter dresses with royal blue full length hooded capes over them. Their flowers were pale blue miniature carnations.

Serving as best man was Ron Latusek. Ushers were Mike Ross and Randy Smock. Mark Ginther, Rick Good and Scott McEvers were groomsmen.

Miss Trisha Duley played the guitar and sang. Her selections were "Wedding Song", "Follow Me", "The Lord's Prayer" and "Day by Day".

A reception followed at Auntie's House of Catering. The lovely wedding cake was made by the great aunt of the bride, Mrs. Margaret Hall of Bay City. Gary Ginther was the photographer.

For the marriage of their children, both mothers wore gowns of blue in different shades with long sleeves and corsages of orchids.

Following a honeymoon trip to the Upper Peninsula, the newlyweds are making their home at 507 Michigan Avenue. The new Mrs. Fox is employed at Mac's Drug Store. Her husband is assistant manager at Van's Building Center here.

### Reward Offered

DETROIT, Dec. 5.—Boron Oil Co. today offered a reward of up to \$5,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who robbed and critically injured a 21-year-old employee after abducting him after he left the service station where he worked in Pontiac, Mich., Dec. 3, 1977.

The victim was Rick Blair, who had served as the manager of the Boron station at Perry & East roads since October of this year. He is in critical condition at Hurley Medical Center in Flint with a gunshot wound in the head.

Boron Oil Co., a subsidiary of The Standard Oil Co. (Ohio) is offering the reward under the Sobro-Boron Shield Plan which was adopted in 1957 in an effort to assist law enforcement agencies by encouraging greater public cooperation in reporting crimes at company installations and assisting in the apprehension of criminals.

Anyone having information concerning the robbery and shooting of Blair is advised to contact the Flint Police Dept., the Pontiac Police Dept., or the corporate security offices of Sobro in Cleveland (telephone collect (216) 575-4570).

### Lame Duck

In the mid-1800's, the Lame Duck became a symbol of one of America's oldest political animals—the defeated officeholder serving out the remainder of his term. In the 18th century, a "lame duck" was a speculator who got caught short when playing the stock market.

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Thursday: Sloppy Joes, Pickles,  
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Friday: School dismissed at  
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8. Bow-A-Jobby	20	8. Hargrave, W. R. Hargrave, 15, 14, 14	
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National League, 2nd Division		Senior Citizens Bowling League	
1. Synthes, Chaps	13	1. Synthes	
2. Grading VW	9	2. Grading VW	
3. Equival Lines	8	3. Equival Lines	
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Mr. and Mrs. William Stewart spent last weekend with their son, Alvin Stewart, and wife, the former Helen Murren, of the Jeffery and 4-year old Jason. Alvin is with the J. C. Penny Company and was transferred to Hazan last February. The Stewarts did a lot of sightseeing while there.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bradgdon and family spent the weekend in South Sea, Maine, visiting her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Rene Savare and his mother, Mrs. Betty Bradgdon.

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**Natural Resources Commission Action**

under authority of Act 230, P.A. 1925, as amended

**ORDER TO RESTRICT SPEARING SEASON**

The Natural Resources Commission at its meeting on July 15, 1977, under authority of Act 230, P.A. 1925, as amended, orders that for a period of five years beginning January 1, 1978, it shall be unlawful during the month of April of each year to take any fish by spearing or bow and arrow north of Highway M-72 in the lower peninsula and from April 1 to April 14, inclusive, of each year between Highways M-46 and M-72 in the lower peninsula.

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**Natural Resources Commission Action**

under authority of Act 230, P.A. 1925, as amended and Act 165, P.A. 1929, as amended

**DESIGNATION OF TROUT LAKES FOR 1978**

The Natural Resources Commission, at its July 15, 1977, meeting, under the authority of Act 230, P.A. 1925, as amended, and Act 165, P.A. 1929, as amended, designated the following lakes as trout lakes and restricted fishing on certain lakes as indicated.

Lakes shown in capital letters are new designations for 1977. Live minnows may not be used for bait on those lakes denoted by an asterisk.

ALCONA: Horseshoe\* [T26N, R5E] and O'Brien lakes\*, ANTRIM: Green Lake\*, ALGER: Addis Lake and Pond; Cherry, Grand Marais, Mirror, Trueman, Hike, Irwin, Rock and Violet [Grants] lakes; Cole Creek and Kingston ponds; the ponds on Sec. 25, T46N, R20W and Sec. 30, T46N, R19W; Sullivan Pond [Sec. 21], T49N, R15W; Rock River Ponds [Sec. 14, T46N, R21W], CHARLEVOIX: Boyne Falls Pond\*, CHEBOYGAN: Weber Lake\*, Twin Lake #1\*, CHIPPEWA: Naomikong Lake; Trout Brook Pond [Sec. 22, T44N, R4W]; Naomikong and Roxbury ponds, CLINTON: Burke Lake [10-inch size limit on all trout; artificial lures only], CRAWFORD: Bright\*, Glory\*, Horseshoe\*, Knell\* and Shupac\* lakes, DELTA: Carr Ponds [Sec. 26, T43N, R18W]; Lake 23, Square and Wintergreen lakes; Zigmual Pond, GLADWIN: Hoister\* and Trout\* lakes, GOGEBIC: Beaton Lake, GRAND TRAVERSE: SAND LAKE #2 [artificial lures only, 15" size limit], IRON: Deadman's, Hannah Webb, Killdeer, Madelyn, Skyline, and Spree lakes, LAPEER: Cedar Lake [10-inch size limit on all trout; artificial lures only], LUCE: Bennet Springs lakes; Brockie and Buckies ponds; Dillingham, Holland [artificial lures with one single pointed hook only, limit of two trout over 15"], Jack, Lost, and Peanut lakes; Silver Creek, Spring Creek, and Third Creek ponds; Benny, Moon, Trout, Ward, Little Whorl, Whorl, Wolverine, and Youngs lakes, MACKINAC: McAlpine and Millicoquin ponds, MARQUETTE: Airport, Bedspring, Clear, Cliff, Cranberry, Gingress, Haywire, Hemmings [Flopper], Island, Just, Kidney [Sec. 28, T45N, R26W], Lake 41, Long, and Moccasin lakes, Section Fourteen, Section Twenty eight, Little Trout, Swazy, and Big Trout Lakes, Morgan Pond and all ponds on Spring Pond creeks in Sec. 13, 24, T48N, R28W, OAKLAND: Dickinson Lake [12-inch size limit, 3 fish creel limit during June, July and August. No kill during remainder of trout season - artificial lures only], OSCEOLA: Center Lake\*, OSCODA: Crater Lake\*, OTSEGO: Pickerel Lake\*, SCHUCLRAFT: Clear Creek Pond, Mod's, Bear and Dutch Fred lakes, Spring and King's ponds.

**Sweet Adelines Activities**

At St. Mary's Church, the first singing session with the Sweet Adelines Chapter was held on Saturday, Dec. 10, at the Reformation High School. It was a gratifying day of singing, and setting out goals for the year ahead. The next session will be held on Sunday, January 15, at 10 a.m. in the church. All girls who are interested in singing, come and join.

On Wednesday, Dec. 14, the Sweet Adelines Chapter held a singing session for the patients at the St. Mary's Hospital. The session was held in the hospital chapel. The girls sang to the patients and the staff. The session was very successful and the patients enjoyed the singing.

On Tuesday, Dec. 13, the Sweet Adelines Chapter held a singing session at the St. Mary's Hospital. The session was held in the hospital chapel. The girls sang to the patients and the staff. The session was very successful and the patients enjoyed the singing.

On Thursday, Dec. 15, the Sweet Adelines Chapter held a singing session at the St. Mary's Hospital. The session was held in the hospital chapel. The girls sang to the patients and the staff. The session was very successful and the patients enjoyed the singing.

On Friday, Dec. 16, the Sweet Adelines Chapter held a singing session at the St. Mary's Hospital. The session was held in the hospital chapel. The girls sang to the patients and the staff. The session was very successful and the patients enjoyed the singing.

On Saturday, Dec. 17, the Sweet Adelines Chapter held a singing session at the St. Mary's Hospital. The session was held in the hospital chapel. The girls sang to the patients and the staff. The session was very successful and the patients enjoyed the singing.

On Sunday, Dec. 18, the Sweet Adelines Chapter held a singing session at the St. Mary's Hospital. The session was held in the hospital chapel. The girls sang to the patients and the staff. The session was very successful and the patients enjoyed the singing.

On Monday, Dec. 19, the Sweet Adelines Chapter held a singing session at the St. Mary's Hospital. The session was held in the hospital chapel. The girls sang to the patients and the staff. The session was very successful and the patients enjoyed the singing.

On Tuesday, Dec. 20, the Sweet Adelines Chapter held a singing session at the St. Mary's Hospital. The session was held in the hospital chapel. The girls sang to the patients and the staff. The session was very successful and the patients enjoyed the singing.

On Wednesday, Dec. 21, the Sweet Adelines Chapter held a singing session at the St. Mary's Hospital. The session was held in the hospital chapel. The girls sang to the patients and the staff. The session was very successful and the patients enjoyed the singing.

On Thursday, Dec. 22, the Sweet Adelines Chapter held a singing session at the St. Mary's Hospital. The session was held in the hospital chapel. The girls sang to the patients and the staff. The session was very successful and the patients enjoyed the singing.

On Friday, Dec. 23, the Sweet Adelines Chapter held a singing session at the St. Mary's Hospital. The session was held in the hospital chapel. The girls sang to the patients and the staff. The session was very successful and the patients enjoyed the singing.

On Saturday, Dec. 24, the Sweet Adelines Chapter held a singing session at the St. Mary's Hospital. The session was held in the hospital chapel. The girls sang to the patients and the staff. The session was very successful and the patients enjoyed the singing.

On Sunday, Dec. 25, the Sweet Adelines Chapter held a singing session at the St. Mary's Hospital. The session was held in the hospital chapel. The girls sang to the patients and the staff. The session was very successful and the patients enjoyed the singing.

On Monday, Dec. 26, the Sweet Adelines Chapter held a singing session at the St. Mary's Hospital. The session was held in the hospital chapel. The girls sang to the patients and the staff. The session was very successful and the patients enjoyed the singing.

On Tuesday, Dec. 27, the Sweet Adelines Chapter held a singing session at the St. Mary's Hospital. The session was held in the hospital chapel. The girls sang to the patients and the staff. The session was very successful and the patients enjoyed the singing.

On Wednesday, Dec. 28, the Sweet Adelines Chapter held a singing session at the St. Mary's Hospital. The session was held in the hospital chapel. The girls sang to the patients and the staff. The session was very successful and the patients enjoyed the singing.

On Thursday, Dec. 29, the Sweet Adelines Chapter held a singing session at the St. Mary's Hospital. The session was held in the hospital chapel. The girls sang to the patients and the staff. The session was very successful and the patients enjoyed the singing.

On Friday, Dec. 30, the Sweet Adelines Chapter held a singing session at the St. Mary's Hospital. The session was held in the hospital chapel. The girls sang to the patients and the staff. The session was very successful and the patients enjoyed the singing.

On Saturday, Dec. 31, the Sweet Adelines Chapter held a singing session at the St. Mary's Hospital. The session was held in the hospital chapel. The girls sang to the patients and the staff. The session was very successful and the patients enjoyed the singing.

**Abortion Proclamation**

The following proclamation on abortion was recently adopted by the members of Calvary Baptist Church, Grayling, Michigan, and sent to elected officials at the national and state levels of government.

**PROCLAMATION**

We, the members and associates of the Calvary Baptist Church, Grayling, Michigan, believing the Bible to be the true and living Word of God, and therefore considering ourselves bound by our confession of faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord to be doers of the Word and not hearers only, as commanded in James 1:22.

Grateful to God that, by His grace, we are living in freedom in this Christian nation, the United States of America, and realizing that our representative form of government places the responsibility for the actions of our government directly upon each one of us:

Do hereby proclaim:

(1) That we will no longer permit the murder of unborn children in our names, since this practice is an abomination before the Lord.

(2) That we will, with every legal, moral and ethical means available to us, rally the support of every Christian and concerned citizen in this State of Michigan for the purpose of opposing the institutionalized practice of abortion on demand in this country.

(3) That we will, by every means available to us, support the right of every woman to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and the right of every child to be born, to be loved, and to be educated.

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Mr. Disinger spoke about the up and coming bills in the legislature about independent businesses and the problems in the northern areas. His organization is non-partisan. He encouraged all of us to write our representatives and let them know what are feelings are about the issues that they are facing in congress. He also feels independent businesses have to band together to protect themselves.

The vocational speaker for the night was Elaine Harland. One of our county commissioners. She spoke about the many jobs of a commissioner and how everyone should start locally with their problems.

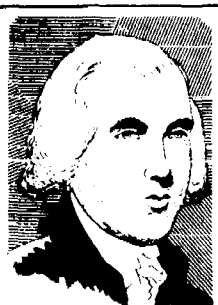
The birthdays for the month of November were Dee LaMott, Ruth Sherbert and Ann Keil. We were also celebrating our eighth anniversary for the Grayling Chapter of ABWA.

Kathy Parkinson spoke on what a big success the third annual fashion show was. The winner of the Las Vegas trip was Dora Feldhauser. She thanked everyone for their help and a little special thanks to Joyce Bourne and Carol Miller for helping with the models.

Installed as a new member was Sally Harig who is a secretary at Mercy Hospital. She was sponsored by Jim Hindmarsh.

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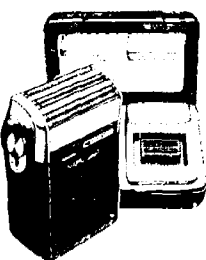
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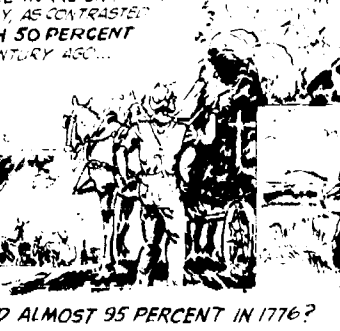
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### Public Notice

The Grayling City Council will hold a public hearing in the Council Chambers of City Hall at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, January 9, 1978. The purpose of this public hearing will be to consider the following changes in the Zoning Ordinance text and map:

I. Section 9.5 entitled Rear Yard, be changed from the present wording "no rear yard shall be required except where a site abuts upon a residential district in which case, a rear yard of not less than twenty-five (25) feet in depth shall be provided," to the following: "No rear yard shall be required except where a building abuts upon a residential zone and there are windows or doors in the rear wall of said building in which case a rear yard of not less than twenty-five (25) feet shall be provided."

II. Chapter XII, Section 12.1 (change to read): "Description and purpose. This district is established to serve the General Industrial, Non-retail Commercial and construction needs of the community." Section 12.2 (Add the following permitted uses): 1. Mercantile establishments involved in the sale of all kinds of goods, wares and merchandise at wholesale; 2. Recreational centers; 3. Building materials, contractors plants and storage; 4. Automobile sales and service; used car lots; 5. Warehousing. Change former Sub-section (f) to Sub-section (k). Change former Sub-section (g) to Sub-section (l).

Section 12.3 General Conditions - Add Sub-section B, to read: b. Signs. No billboard or sign shall be erected or used in this district except those which meet each of the following conditions: 1. Pertains only to the specific permitted use of the premises; 2. Does not face an adjoining residential district.

Section 12.6 shall be replaced with the following: Side Yard. A side yard of at least fifteen (15) feet in width shall be required in this district except where this district abuts a residential district on the side yard, in which case a minimum of twenty-five (25) feet shall be required.

Section 12.7 Replace with the following: Section 12.7: Buffer Strip Requirements. a. Whenever premises in this district are adjacent to a residential district, there shall be provided a side or rear line buffer strip of land on the commercial side of the boundary between the two districts of a minimum of one (1) foot for each the (10) feet of frontage of the premises in this district with a minimum of ten (10) feet required; b. The area set aside for a buffer strip shall be landscaped with plantings that will provide an effective screening at all seasons of the year.

III. Changes in Chapter XI.

C-3 Heavy Commercial. Recommend repeal of this Section due to consolidation with Chapter XII.

IV. Recommended repeal of all references to Chapter XI in Zoning Ordinance and replacement of said references with reference to Chapter XII, as amended.

V. Change in zoning map to indicate the following rezonings of property: a. Rezoning of property described as: "All that property lying southwest of the Penn Central main line tracks and currently zoned C-3, from C-3 to I (Industrial); b. Rezoning of all that property described as: "lying between the Penn Central main line tracks and Norway Street and bounded by Michigan Avenue and Fred Bear Drive" rezoned from C-3 to a C-1 Classification.

All interested persons are invited to attend this hearing and to express their views regarding same.

Jerry W. Morford, City Manager & City Clerk

### Road Commission Minutes

December 2, 1977

The Road Commissioners attended a hearing on House Bill 5439-Varnum-10% administrative requirement held at the Grayling City Hall. The meeting was chaired by Rep. Spaniol & Rep. Brown. Several counties affected by this program were in attendance. Rep. The Commissioners returned to their regular meeting. Those present: Commissioners LeRoy Millikin, Ervin E. Richter and Grover Cason; Engineer Manager John M. Keir and Secretary Lorna Bernard. Absent, none.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, a motion was made by Comm. Cason, supported by Comm. Richter that the minutes be approved as read. All voted in favor motion carried.

An application for permit was received from Consumers Power Company to install a wood pole and secondary wire across S. Stecker Bridge Road, South Branch Township Sec. 31, T25N R2W. The permit was approved and signed by the Commissioners.

A petition was received from the residents of the Davenport Subdivision regarding the snow plowing of Little John Avenue. The petition was signed by many residents of that Subdivision. Although this private road has been maintained inadvertently by the Road Commission, the last 2 or 3 years, the Commissioners have decided to discontinue all maintenance on this private road. If Little John Ave. would be brought up to County Road specifications and the Right of Way dedicated to the public, then the Road Commission will certify that the road is public and under their jurisdiction.

A motion was made by Comm. Richter and supported by Comm. Cason that insurance requirements and fuel supplies be obtained from the same sources for 1978. All votes motion carried.

A discussion was held on use of snowmobiles on the County Roads. It was agreed to extend previous Resolution granting that privilege. RE IT RESOLVED that effective upon the expiration of signs pertaining thereto, the Crawford County Road Comm. will open all County Roads to snowmobile traffic subject to all State Laws governing the use of snowmobiles. AND THAT snowmobiles may use that portion of the extreme right hand side of the roadway which is paved, but not normally used by licensed vehicular traffic.

AND THAT snowmobiles must travel in single file with the flow of traffic, at a minimum speed.

There being no further business, a motion was made and supported to adjourn. All voted in favor motion carried, meeting adjourned.

LeRoy Millikin, Chairman

Lorna Bernard, Secretary

December 3, 1977

Ervin E. Richter attended a Policy Committee Meeting of the County Road Association held in Lansing.

LeRoy Millikin, Chairman

Lorna Bernard, Secretary

Dec. 6, 1977

A special meeting of the Road Comm. Clerks and Secretaries Association of Northern Michigan held at Clare to discuss the new Revolving Fund for equipment. Engineer Manager John M. Keir, Secretary Lorna Bernard and timekeeper Jennie Annis attended the meeting.

LeRoy Millikin, Chairman

Lorna Bernard, Secretary

### Use Safety Measures With Christmas Trees

Prudenville - A Yule log burning in the hearth is a sure sign of the holiday season. Under the tree, as are Christmas tree lights, which according to Gary L. Brown, Area Manager of Consumers Power Company's Prudenville-Clare Area, could be frequently avoided if home owners observed simple fire and safety measures.

Most trees sold commercially are cut long in advance of use and as a result can become extremely flammable. Potential hazards increase when trees are placed indoors where heat and low humidity accelerate drying.

Records reveal that some \$4.5 million in property damage and untold losses in physical suffering, anxiety, and disappointment must occur each year as the result of Christmas tree blazes.

Consumers Power offers the following recommendations for electrical safety:

1. Only Christmas lighting equipment carrying the Underwriters Laboratories label (UL) should be used. Do not erect lights outdoors which have not been approved for outdoor use. Before stringing any lights, check for frayed wires, loose connections, and broken sockets.

2. Turn off all decorative Christmas lights when leaving home.

3. Use noncombustible decorating materials whenever possible. Avoid using candles, paper, or other flammable decorations.

Other tips for a safer holiday season include:

1. Choose a natural tree that looks fresh, has firm needles, and is no larger than you need.

2. Saw the trunk at an angle one inch or more above the original cut to open the tree fibers.

3. If you purchase a tree some time before erecting it, store it in a container of clear water in a cool location.

4. Your tree holder should be equipped with a water container which should be kept filled during the entire period the tree is inside your home.

5. Support the tree firmly and keep it well away from sources of heat such as stoves, fireplaces, heat ducts, and radiators. It should also be kept out of hallways and should not block any exits.

6. Dispose of gift wrappings quickly and properly.

7. Trees should be kept indoors for the shortest possible time and removal the day after Christmas is recommended. Any tree showing excessive dryness should be removed immediately.

Brown also warns against relying on self-applied coatings or solutions to "flameproof" a natural tree. While helpful, none are completely effective, he says.

Artificial trees should be selected with care. Plastic and metalized plastic trees can still burn. Metal trees, while not flammable, could be shock hazards and should only be used with indirect lighting.

### Legal Notice

Notice by Persons Claiming Title Under Tax Deed (Revised 1971)

To the Owner or Owners of any and all interests in, or Liens upon the Lands herein described:

TAKE NOTICE that sale has been lawfully made of the following described land for unpaid taxes thereon, and that the undersigned has title thereto under tax deed or deeds issued therefor, and that you are entitled to a reconveyance thereof, at any time within 6 months after return of service of this notice upon payment to the undersigned or to the Register in Chancery of the County in which the lands lie, of all sums paid upon such purchase, together with 50 per centum additional thereon, and the fees of the Sheriff for the service of this notice, to be computed as upon personal service of a declaration of commencement of suit, and the further sum of five dollars for each description without other additional cost or charges. PROVIDED THAT with respect to purchasers of the tax sale held in the years 1936, 1939, 1939, and 1940 the sum stated in such notice as a condition of reconveyance shall only be all sums paid as a condition of the tax title purchase, together with 50 per centum additional thereon, if payment is made and is not made, the undersigned will institute Proceedings for possession of the land.

Description of Land: E. 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of Section 11, T25N, R2W, being the N. 1/2 of the MCRP except the plat of Pere Chene, Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County.

Amount Paid Tax for Year 1973, \$162.32, 50 Per Centum, \$81.16, Description Fee \$5.00.

Amount Necessary to redeem \$158.48, plus Sheriff fee or advertising fee, Jerry S. Kaczynski and Nancy L. Kaczynski, 406 Seventh Street, Bay City, Michigan 48706.

To Stewart Hult, Grayling, Michigan, last grantee in the regular chain title of such lands, or of any interest therein, as appearing by the records in the office of the Register of Deeds of said County.

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Description of Land: West 1/2 of Northeast 1/4 of North of the MCRP except the plat of Pere Chene, Section 11, T25N, Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County.

Amount Paid \$60.02, Tax for Year 1973, 50 per centum, 30.01, Description Fee \$5.00.

Amount Necessary to redeem \$95.03 plus Sheriff fee or advertising fee, Jerry S. Kaczynski and Nancy L. Kaczynski, 406 Seventh Street, Bay City, Michigan 48706.

To J. Merion Johnson, Beaver Creek Township, last grantee in the regular chain title of such lands, or of any interest therein, as appearing by the records in the office of the Register of Deeds of said County.

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### Legal Notice

STATE OF MICHIGAN The Probate Court for the County of Crawford

Estate of Yvonne E. Knapp

TAKE NOTICE: On February 22, 1978, at 10:00 A.M., in the Probate Courtroom, in the City of Grayling, Michigan, before the Hon. Emil L. Kraus, Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held on the petition of Charles T. Mitchell, Petitioner, for probate of a purported Will of the deceased dated February 28, 1977, and for granting of administration to John B. Huss of Grayling, Michigan, or some other suitable person and for a determination of heirs.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate must be presented to the said John B. Huss at P.O. Box 32, Grayling, Michigan 49738, and proof there filed with the Court of or before February 22, 1978. Notice is further given that the estate will be thereupon assigned to persons determined of record entitled thereto.

Dated: December 8, 1977 Charles T. Mitchell, Petitioner

1600 South Eads Street, Arlington, Virginia 22202

John B. Huss, Attorney for Petitioner

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December 16, 1773—Boston Tea Party—Boston patriots protest against British tax on the product by dumping tea into the water off a British vessel anchored in the harbor.

December 17, 1903—Orville and Wilbur Wright make the first successful airplane flights in history as they soar over sand dunes near Kitty Hawk, North Carolina.

December 18, 1865—Slavery is abolished in the United States by the adoption of the Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution.

December 19, 1777—George Washington and his troops start their winter encampment at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

December 20, 1820—The state of Missouri levies a tax against bachelors. Unmarried men between the ages of 21 and 50 must pay a dollar a year.

December 21, 1944—Horse racing is banned in the United States for the duration of World War II.

### Editor's Mailbox

Re: Crawford County Social Service Building Project.

The great American statesman Bernard M. Baruch is reported as having said, "Never answer a critic, unless he's right." We are sorely tempted to follow that sage advice in this instance but upon reflection we believe we owe a responsibility to the people of this county to make our position known.

We first wish to commend the local media for their relatively thorough and evenhanded coverage of this matter. We are equally eager to voice our dissatisfaction with the sensationalized and haphazard coverage provided by the "Bay City Times".

This, then is an attempt to set the record straight as we see it: On April 25, 1977, the local Social Service Board, having first solicited and received sealed bids, accepted the bid of Messrs. Griffiore and McCarthy of Gladwin, Michigan for the erection of the local building. The bid was selected because it was the low bid and the plans for the building were acceptable. At the time they accepted the bid the Board did not designate a site preference nor did it offer any suggestions regarding site location nor did it make acceptance of the bid contingent upon an approval of a site.

The only statement regarding site selection which was communicated to the builder was Mr. Keighley's (the local Director of the Department of Social Services) observation that his staff would prefer to be outside the city limits for tax purposes. Accordingly, at Mr. Keighley's instruction, the builder never considered any site within the city limits.

Long after the Board had accepted the bid for the building Griffiore and McCarthy invited Thomas I. Kreckman, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Gladwin County, and the two of us to invest in this project. The partnership papers were immediately filed with the State and in Gladwin and Crawford Counties.

After the initial bid was accepted the local Social Services Board and the State Office of Management and Budget informed the partnership that those departments wished to increase the size of the building to accommodate anticipated increases in staff. They also requested various additional items that needed to be included: i.e. additional windows, changes in plumbing, etc. An amended figure taking these changes into account was submitted and accepted by the State pursuant to State guidelines. It was the State's decision not to let the bid.

During July or August of 1977 Star Enterprises notified Mr. James Keighley and Mr. James DeForest of the State Department of Management and Budget that the present Eagle Point site had been designated. Both Mr. Keighley and Mr. DeForest visited the site and indicated that it was satisfactory. According to Mr. Keighley, he indicated to the Board of Social Services that the Eagle Point site was at least under consideration.

There still exists some confusion as to whether or not the local Board gave serious thought to this proposed site. However, at no time thereafter was the partnership ever informed that the site was not satisfactory. In fact, to the contrary, the partnership received written confirmation that the site was approved.

Finally, it has been implied by some that we may be involved in a conflict of interest by virtue of the fact that we are presently serving as part-time County Prosecutors and have at the same time invested in this project. After a thorough review of the law and the facts surrounding this matter we emphatically reject that notion. Mr. Robert Braddock of the State Department of Management and Budget has gone on record as supporting that conclusion.

We wish to point out and underscore these reasons, among others, that we feel no conflict of interest exists:

1. Neither of us used our official capacity in any manner to influence the bidding of this contract or its acceptance by the Board, nor has it been intimidated by anyone that we did so.

2. We were not partners in this project until long after the Board had awarded the contract.

3. The present contract is between the five members of the partnership and the State Office of Management and Budget. The present contract is not between the partnership and the State Department of Social Services, nor the local Social Service Board, nor the County of Crawford.

4. As Prosecutors we have no association with the Department of Management and Budget and therefore there can be no conflict in our interests.

Our personal and professional reputations are always foremost in our thoughts. Because of the publicity that has been generated by this situation and because we are deeply aware of our obligations to the people of this county, we have as of December 9, 1977 requested an opinion from the Michigan Attorney General's Office, a copy of that request accompanies this communication.

Kent & Davis

Mr. Solomon H. Bienenfeld  
First Asst. Attorney General  
Legal Affairs  
Law Building  
625 West Ottawa  
Lansing, Michigan 48913  
Re: Crawford County Social Services Building  
Dear Mr. Bienenfeld:

As you may now be aware a controversy has arisen in this county concerning the construction of a Social Services building on M-72 West. Furthermore, a public concern has been voiced about the involvement of Mr. Davis who is the Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and myself as investors in this project. On Wednesday, December 7th, I attempted to contact you by telephone concerning this matter and was informed that you were in conference. We were then referred to Mr. Milton Firestone and Mr. Charles Hackney of your department, who were both out.

Mr. Davis and I have examined what we consider to be the applicable state statutes concerning this type of matter and we do not feel that there has been any impropriety in this action. I would specifically refer you to CL 15.321, MSA 4.1700(51).

Notwithstanding our research we would request and welcome your opinion of this matter as a result of the publicity it has generated.

We are prepared to provide you with any information and assistance that you may require.

I will anticipate hearing from you at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your attention to this communication.

Respectfully,  
Thomas E. Kent  
Prosecuting Attorney

### Public Notice

The City of Grayling is accepting sealed bids for sale of the property and buildings known as the Old Sewage Treatment Plant located on Ingham Street near the football field. The property contains 2 (plus or minus) acres of area and has frontage on the Main Street of the AuSable. City utilities are available and the property is zoned Residential.

Persons desiring additional information should contact Jerry W. Morford, City Manager, for details.

Sealed bids will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. Monday, January 31, 1978 at the City Office.

Council reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids.

Jerry W. Morford, City Clerk

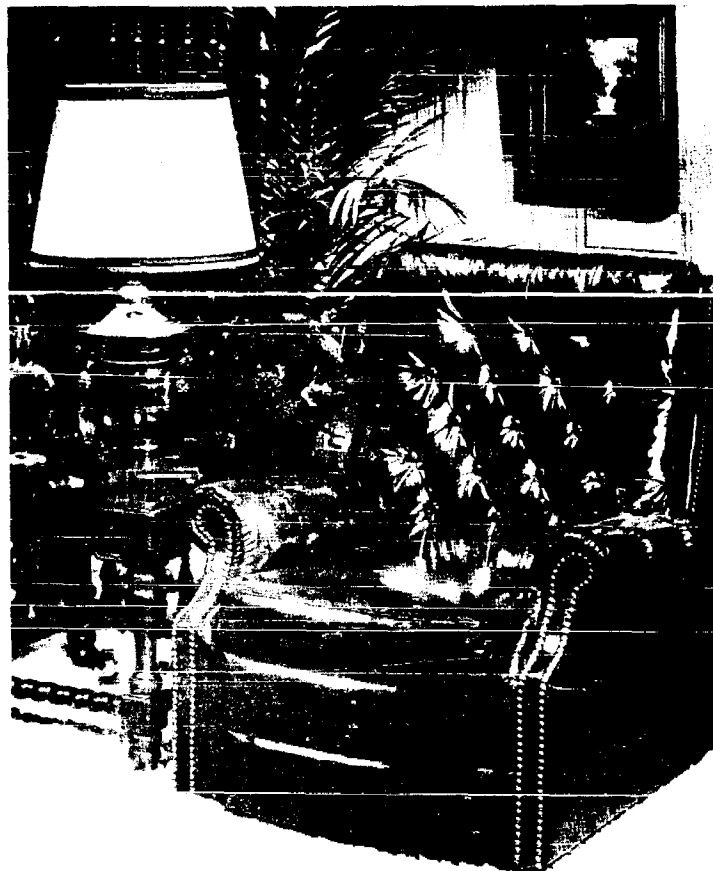
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Crawford County Sheriff Department will be accepting sealed bids until 9:30 AM on Thursday, December 29th, 1977. Specifications may be picked up at the Sheriff Dept. Please submit prices on two vehicles and on three vehicles. Delivery will not be accepted until after January 1st, 1978 due to budget restrictions. The Crawford County Sheriff reserves the right to refuse any and all bids.

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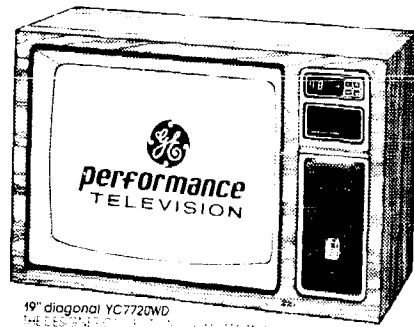
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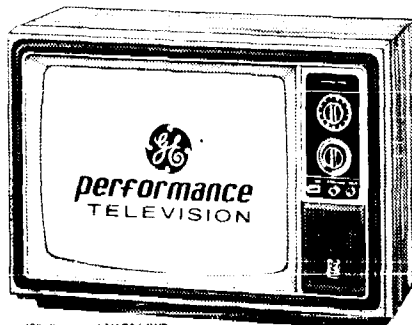
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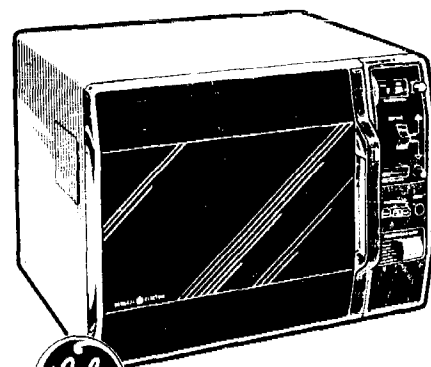
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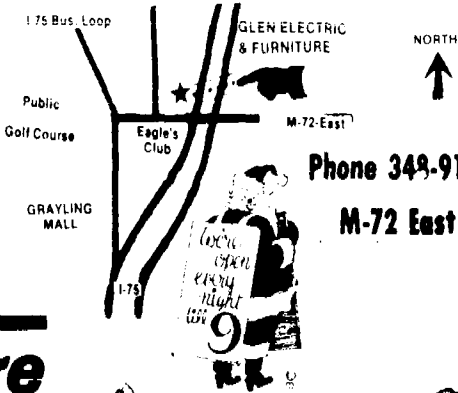
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GALLON

GOOD ONLY AT: BLACK & WHITE FOODLAND  
COUPON EXPIRES: TUES., DEC. 20, 1977  
WITH COUPON & \$10.00 PURCHASE

PRICE APPLIES ONLY WITH THIS COUPON

CARNIVAL VANILLA  
ICE CREAM **\$1.79**  
GALLON

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SMALL  
EGGS **\$1.09**  
2 DOZEN

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SAVORY SLICED  
**BACON** **79<sup>c</sup>**  
1 Lb. PKG.

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**CIGARETTES**  
ALL SIZES — **\$3.99**  
ALL BRANDS CARTON

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## Art Fair at Kirtland

Art works created by our own students will be on display and for sale in our student center. Here is your chance to see and purchase works of art from as-yet-unknown artists that will not only provide you with personal satisfaction but may, in time, become valuable assets. Kirtland art students produce professional quality art and most will be for sale at "beginners" prices. Come early to get the art work you want to complement your own tastes and desires.

## Public Notice

City of Grayling Water and Sewer bills are mailed on the 10th day of January. April, July and October commencing January 1978. The due date for these bills will be as follows:

For Bills Rendered:	Due Date
January 10	February 10
April 10	May 10
July 10	August 10
October 10	November 10

The above schedule will allow 30 days for payment of water and sewer bills. Customers with unpaid bills on the due date will be notified in the usual manner.

Jerry W. Morford, City Manager

## Building

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Social Services Center in Gladwin and, in response to a Crawford County bid notice, submitted a proposal for a similar facility here. Having gained the bid, the firm was advised sometime around last June 1st that approval had been given for a building enlargement plus other design changes. Star Enterprises then negotiated with the State over a bid alteration, taking the changes into consideration and again was awarded the contract. Star then sought out building sites, including two north of the city considered inadequate for the facility, plus another site some 1 1/2 miles west on M-72, on which a purchase offer was made and rejected. Sites outside the city were sought because the Company had been advised, according to Griffire, that the city was considered inappropriate because of tax considerations. This advice, Griffire said, was provided by James Keighley, local Social Services Director. Keighley denied that was his reason, saying that he just did not think there was anything suitable in the city itself. Thus Star chose the Eagle Point property because the Company was under the impression it was considered acceptable. Griffire pointed out that it was commonplace for his Company to deal almost exclusively with local Directors on a project of this type. Pointed out that local tradesmen were involved and employed on the project, a philosophy his firm subscribes to. Explained that some \$26,000 has been spent on the project to date and Star Enterprises plans to continue with construction. Pointed out that Star Enterprises asked for site suggestions in the early going and no recommendations were received other than not to consider the city. Explained that it was not uncommon for a facility of this type to be located on a site like Eagle Point, outside the city. Despite Griffire's presentation, the local Board adamantly maintained that it had not been asked to review the site, did not know it had been selected until construction began and continued to voice its bitter objection to the site selection because of inaccessibility for clients and employees, plus other alleged traffic hazards at the location. Keighley questioned his exact role in the matter, pointing out that nowhere in the guidelines of his position is there any mention made that he has a responsible function in the selection of a site. His responsibility, he said, is to provide a service for the Social Services Department, out of whatever facility provided, at whatever location. So the controversy continues on — with the Board still unsure of what recourse it may now have to block the project until the location dispute can be resolved. In response to a question posed by Board member Carroll Wert concerning any possibility of a change, the consensus of opinion expressed by State representatives appeared to be very little. Nonetheless, public sentiment appears to strongly oppose the project — the question concerning "conflict of interest" remains unanswered — and the local Board and Commission is struggling with a determination about "what to do next?"

## Changes

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In October. The change is that bills will be payable for thirty (30) days without a service charge instead of the previous forty-five days. The procedure for mailing of final notices will remain the same as before and a \$4.75 service charge will be assessed when the notice is mailed, as has been past practice. This change was made in hopes of reducing the large number of persons who have required final notices in the past due to the length of time between receiving bills and the due date. We will be glad to answer any questions regarding water billing policy and would ask that you call us at 348-2131 if you wish to discuss this or other matters with City officials.

## LITURGICAL SERVICES AT SAINT MARY'S

Monday, Dec. 19th, 6:30 p.m.: Caroling by high school youth.  
Tuesday, Dec. 20th, 7:00 p.m.: Communal Penance Service.  
Thursday, Dec. 22nd, 7:00 p.m.: Communal Penance Service.  
Friday, Dec. 23rd, 7:00 p.m.: Rite of Penance for Individuals.  
Saturday, Dec. 24th, 10:00 a.m.: Rite of Penance for Individuals; 4:00 p.m.: Rite of Penance for Individuals; 8:00 p.m.: Vigil Mass with Christmas Pageant with children of grades 1-4; Trisha Duley and Youth Guildants; musicians: 11:30 p.m.: Christmas Concert. Ruth O'Mara, organist and Youth instrumentalists and soloists.  
Sunday, Dec. 25th, 12:00 M.: Midnight Mass, solemn celebration of the Nativity; 8:30 a.m.: Mass at Dawn on Christmas Day; Shannon McNamara, organist; 10:30 a.m.: Third Mass of Christmas; Lillian Balides & Nancy Hoffman, organists, and Adult Choir.

## NEWCOMERS TO GRAYLING

Phone Rose Horton at 348-8170  
*Welcome Wagon*

## CHERYL'S CATERING

Higgins Lake  
[517] 821-6929  
WEDDINGS  
GRADUATIONS  
ANNIVERSARIES  
PARTIES

## HUBBARD'S

Barber — Styling Shop  
212 Huron [M-72 East]  
Recommending & Selling  
RK PRODUCTS  
—HOURS—  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday  
& Friday — 9 to 6  
Wednesday — 9 to 12 Noon  
Closed Saturday  
Phone 348-8623

**The Wag-On-Inn**  
is forming a  
**Shuffle Board League**  
FOR WOMEN  
ON TUESDAY EVENINGS  
FOR MEN  
ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Anyone Interested in Joining, Contact:  
the Wag-On-Inn — 102 Michigan Ave.